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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JONATHAN LEE RICHES,

Plaintiff,

v.

JASON GIAMBI, et al.,

Defendants.

Nos. C 07-6156 MJJ (PR) C 07-6315 MJJ (PR)  
C 07-6271 MJJ (PR) C 07-6316 MJJ (PR)  
C 07-6272 MJJ (PR) C 07-6317 MJJ (PR)  
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C 07-6313 MJJ (PR) C 07-6324 MJJ (PR)  
C 07-6314 MJJ (PR) C 07-6325 MJJ (PR)

**ORDER DISMISSING CASES**

Plaintiff, a federal prisoner proceeding pro se, filed the 22 civil actions listed above against a variety of defendants. The Court addresses the claims set forth in the complaint filed in each of these cases below.

A federal court must conduct a preliminary screening in any case in which a prisoner seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). In its review, the court must identify any cognizable claims and dismiss any claims that are frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted or seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. See id. § 1915A(b)(1),(2). Pro se pleadings must, however, be liberally construed. See Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Dep't, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir.

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1 1988). To state a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege two essential  
 2 elements: (1) that a right secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States was  
 3 violated, and (2) that the alleged violation was committed by a person acting under the  
 4 color of state law. See West v. Atkins, 487 U.S. 42, 48 (1988).

5 Sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2) accord judges the unusual power to pierce the veil of  
 6 the complaint's factual allegations and dismiss as frivolous those claims whose factual  
 7 contentions are clearly baseless. See Denton v. Hernandez, 504 U.S. 25, 32 (1992).  
 8 Examples are claims describing fantastic or delusional scenarios with which federal district  
 9 judges are all too familiar. See Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319, 328 (1989). To pierce the  
 10 veil of the complaint's factual allegations means that a court is not bound, as it usually is  
 11 when making a determination based solely on the pleadings, to accept without question the  
 12 truth of the plaintiff's allegations. See Denton, 504 U.S. at 32. A finding of factual  
 13 frivolousness is appropriate when the facts alleged rise to the level of the irrational or the  
 14 wholly incredible, whether or not there are judicially noticeable facts available to contradict  
 15 them. See id. at 32-33.

16 1. Riches v. Jason Giambi, No. C 07-6156 MJJ (PR)

17 Plaintiff alleges, inter alia, that he went to a baseball game in which defendant hit a  
 18 home run, and he seeks to have defendant's team forfeit the game because defendant was  
 19 "fakin, takin juice for boost." He makes numerous other baseless or incredible allegations  
 20 against defendant, including, inter alia, that defendant "is responsible for the 2004 tsunami,"  
 21 that the "Bush administration FICA wiretapping program needs to monitor" defendant's  
 22 telephone, that defendant has provided other athletes with steroids and cheated at charity  
 23 events, and that plaintiff is "offended hearing about" defendant's steroid abuse. As an initial  
 24 matter, defendant is a baseball player. As a private individual, he does not act under color  
 25 of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446 U.S. 635,  
 26 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not covered under § 1983.  
 27 See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat'l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert. denied, 421  
 28 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief under

1 § 1983. Moreover, as plaintiff's allegations are clearly baseless, irrational or wholly  
2 incredible, they must be dismissed as frivolous under sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2).

3 2. Riches v. United Autoworkers Union, et al., No. C 07-6271 MJJ (PR)

4 Plaintiff sues defendants United Autoworkers Union ("UAW") and its president, Ron  
5 Gettelfinger, under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 alleging that they are in "a vast conspiracy" to lower  
6 wages, and that they provide prison guards transportation to work to "abuse" plaintiff. He  
7 further alleges that Gettelfinger uses union dues to purchase drugs and child pornography,  
8 and that the UAW has "illegal immigrants" who "plan on installing" bombs in Ford vehicles.  
9 Defendants are a private individual and a private organization. As such, they do not act  
10 under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446  
11 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not covered under  
12 § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat'l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert.  
13 denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for  
14 relief under § 1983. Moreover, plaintiff's allegations are clearly baseless, irrational or  
15 wholly incredible, and therefore must be dismissed as frivolous under sections 1915A and  
16 1915(e)(2).

17 3. Riches v. Hugo Chavez, et al., No. C 07-6272 MJJ (PR)

18 Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants Hugo Chavez, the  
19 President of Venezuela and "Petroleos de Venezuela SA." Plaintiff alleges that defendants are  
20 withholding oil from the United States, causing a rise in inflation. He further alleges that  
21 Chavez has written letters to him in Russian confessing that Chavez came to South Carolina  
22 in 1989 as "Hurricane Hugo" and caused a great deal of damage. He also alleges that Chavez  
23 plans to use him as a slave and execute him in Caracas, that Chavez refuses to eat at "the  
24 Olive Garden" restaurant, that Chavez is in secret negotiations to release French hostages  
25 from Colombia "because John Kerry has a swift boat waiting off shore with Max Cleland as  
26 a rower and Nancy Pelosi allowed Chavez to crash his ship into San Fran bay on the  
27 beginning of November 2007." As plaintiff's allegations are clearly baseless, irrational or  
28 wholly incredible, they will be dismissed as frivolous under sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2).



4. Riches v. Carl Icahn, et al., No. C 07-6273 MJJ (PR)

Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants Carl Icahn, Nelson Peltz, TRIARC Co., Trian Fund Management, H.J. Heinz, Cadbury Schweppes, and BEA Systems, Inc.. Plaintiff alleges that defendants are companies, executives and shareholders that engage in business with “Axis of Evil Governments and Terrorist Organizations.” Defendants are private individuals and organizations. As such, they do not act under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat’l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief under § 1983.

5. Riches v. Mattel Inc., et al., No. C 07-6274 MJJ (PR)

Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants Mattel, Inc. and its Chief Executive Officer, Robert Eckert.<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff alleges that defendants have him “major lead poisoning” because he used to collect their toys, and that they are “responsible for” his conviction. Defendants are a private individual and a private company. As such, they do not act under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat’l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief under § 1983.

6. Riches v. Lewinsky, et al., No. C 07-6308 MJJ (PR)

Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants Monica Lewinsky and Linda Tripp. Plaintiff alleges that Lewinsky “plans to intern for” the President of Iran, and that Tripp is “head of President’ Bush’s illegal wiretap program.” He further alleges that defendants “told” prison officials to place him in solitary confinement, that Lewinsky is

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<sup>1</sup>Plaintiff also names various toys as defendants: Barbie, Hot Wheels, and Matchbox.

1 sending him "hate mail" and "harassing" him, and that Tripp "can't stand Jewish people."  
 2 He seeks ten million dollars in damages. Defendants are private individuals. As such, they  
 3 do not act under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v.  
 4 Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not  
 5 covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat'l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir.  
 6 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a  
 7 cognizable claim for relief under § 1983. Moreover, plaintiff's allegations are clearly  
 8 baseless, irrational or wholly incredible, and therefore must be dismissed as frivolous under  
 9 sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2).

10 7. Riches v. Pesce, No. C 07-6309 MJJ (PR)

11 Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendant Michael Scott Pesce,  
 12 a.k.a. "Fallen Angel." Plaintiff alleges that defendant was his co-defendant in criminal  
 13 proceedings, and that defendant used to be his friend. Plaintiff states that he "seeks his  
 14 friendship back from defendant." Defendant is a private individual. As such, he does not act  
 15 under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446  
 16 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not covered under  
 17 § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat'l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert.  
 18 denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for  
 19 relief under § 1983.

20 8. Riches v. Gotti, et al., No. C 07-6311 MJJ (PR)

21 Plaintiff sues defendants John Gotti, John A. Gotti, Peter Gotti, Richard G. Gotti,  
 22 Victoria Gotti, Irv Gotti, and "Growing Up Gotti" under Bivens v. Six Unknown Named  
 23 Agents, 403 U.S. 388, 392-97 (1971). Plaintiff seeks 73 million dollars in damages and a  
 24 restraining order against defendants from using his name "illegally for interstate commerce."  
 25 He alleges that defendants used his money to bet on sports, that they used his credit card at  
 26 two restaurants and that they stole his suits. Bivens authorizes a private right of action for  
 27 allegations of constitutional violations made against federal employees or their agents. See  
 28 id.; Martin v. Sias, 88 F.3d 774, 775 (9th Cir. 1996) (except for the replacement of a state

1 actor by a federal actor, actions under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and Bivens are identical).  
2 Defendants are private individuals, not federal government employees or federal actors. As  
3 such, they do not act under color of federal law and are not proper defendants in a Bivens  
4 claim. Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief against  
5 defendants.

6 9. Riches v. Jones, No. C 07-6312 MJJ (PR)

7 Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendant Paula Corbin Jones.  
8 He seeks “help” from Jones, and wants her to “check on why” his rights are being violated.  
9 Plaintiff alleges that because he is “friends with Bill Clinton,” Jones will not help him.  
10 Defendant is a private individual. As such, she does not act under color of state law, an  
11 essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980).  
12 Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v.  
13 Maryland Nat'l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949  
14 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief under § 1983.

15 10. Riches v. E. Coli, No. C 07-6313 MJJ (PR)

16 Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against the virus E. Coli. He seeks  
17 money damages and a restraining order preventing the “defendant” from “entering [his]  
18 stomach.” As plaintiff’s allegations are clearly baseless, irrational or wholly incredible, they  
19 will be dismissed as frivolous under sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2).

20 11. Riches v. Al-Bashir, et al., No. C 07-6314 MJJ (PR)

21 Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants the President of  
22 Sudan Omar Al-Bashir, the Darfur region, the city of Khartoum, and “genocide.” Plaintiff  
23 alleges that Bashir “plans to misplace” plaintiff among “Janjaweed” guards at the prison  
24 where plaintiff is incarcerated. He further alleges that he is “suffering genocide,” that he will  
25 be “shipped to Sudan and attacked” because he is Jewish, that Bashir is denying plaintiff  
26 stamps, and that defendants are “blasting cold Canadian air through the vents.” As plaintiff’s  
27 allegations are clearly baseless, irrational or wholly incredible, they will be dismissed as  
28 frivolous under sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2).



12. Riches v. Jagr, et al., No. C 07-6315 MJJ (PR)

Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants Jaromir Jagr, the New York Rangers, the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Washington Capitals. He alleges that “the NHL stands for Not Having Liberty,” that “defendant is taking slap shots at my head,” and that defendants “placed me in the penalty box.” Defendants, a professional hockey player and three professional hockey teams, are private individuals and entities. As such, they do not act under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat’l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief under § 1983. Moreover, plaintiff’s allegations are clearly baseless, irrational or wholly incredible, and therefore must be dismissed as frivolous under sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2).

13. Riches v. Ford Motor Company, et al., No. C 07-6316 MJJ (PR)

Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against the Ford Motor Company, two executives – Alan Mullaly and Bill Ford, and the Ford Mustang. Plaintiff alleges that Ford is neglecting him and other inmates, and that “Ford is guilty of aiding and abetting because a lot of inmates used Ford vehicles to commit crime.” He further alleges that Ford employs “numerous illegal immigrants,” that Ford is bribing the federal government, and that Ford “took away” his stamps. Defendants are a private company, two private individuals, and a car. As such, they do not act under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat’l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief under § 1983.

14. Riches v. Tillman, et al., No. C 07-6317 MJJ (PR)

Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants Pat Tillman and the Arizona Cardinals football team. Plaintiff alleges that the United States Army “promised to

1 send Pat Tillman” to rescue plaintiff from prison, but instead Tillman “went overseas.” He  
 2 further alleges that the Arizona Cardinals football team “fly over me but do not rescue me,”  
 3 that Tillman “continues to curse me,” and that “Tillman’s family don’t respond to my letters  
 4 because I’m Jewish.” Defendants are a private individual and a private entity. As such, they  
 5 do not act under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v.  
 6 Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not  
 7 covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat’l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir.  
 8 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a  
 9 cognizable claim for relief under § 1983. Moreover, plaintiff’s allegations are clearly  
 10 baseless, irrational or wholly incredible, and therefore must be dismissed as frivolous under  
 11 sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2).

12 15. Riches v. McDougal, et al., No. C 07-6318 MJJ (PR)

13 Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants Susan H. McDougal  
 14 and James B. McDougal. Plaintiff alleges that defendants work at a savings and loan in  
 15 Arkansas, and that he sent them a credit application for a loan. He alleges that defendants  
 16 stole his identity, which they used to obtain a K-mart charge card in Washington state, to  
 17 purchase pots and pans at Home Depot, and to give loans to a football coach. Defendants are  
 18 private individuals. As such, they do not act under color of state law, an essential element of  
 19 a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct,  
 20 no matter how wrongful, is not covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat’l Ins. Co.,  
 21 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff  
 22 has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief under § 1983.

23 16. Riches v. Francis, et al., No. C 07-6319 MJJ (PR)

24 Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants Joseph R. Francis,  
 25 “Girls Gone Wild,” MRA Holdings, LLC, and Mantra Films, Inc.. Plaintiff alleges that  
 26 Francis is “in negotiations” with prison officials to purchase surveillance tapes of plaintiff in  
 27 order to create videos called “Prison Guys Gone Wild.” He further alleges that Francis sold  
 28 tapes of petitioner to a television station who then put petitioner on a news show. He also



1 alleges that Francis "is making sure I starve to death to be in top model shape." Defendants  
2 are a private individual, a video series, and two private companies. As such, they do not act  
3 under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446  
4 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not covered under  
5 § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat'l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert.  
6 denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for  
7 relief under § 1983.

8 17. Riches v. Wilson, et al., No. C 07-6320 MJJ (PR)

9 Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants Genarlow Wilson,  
10 Warren Ballentine, and "various registered sex offenders." Plaintiff alleges that he is  
11 "personally offended that defendant was released from" custody. He "moves for a  
12 restraining order for defendant to stop his sexual behavior." Defendants are private  
13 individuals. As such, they do not act under color of state law, an essential element of a §  
14 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no  
15 matter how wrongful, is not covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat'l Ins. Co.,  
16 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff  
17 has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief under § 1983. Moreover, plaintiff's  
18 allegations are clearly baseless, irrational or wholly incredible, and therefore must be  
19 dismissed as frivolous under sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2).

20 18. Riches v. Hale, et al., No. C 07-6321 MJJ (PR)

21 Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants Matthew Hale and  
22 Joan Humphrey Lefkow. He seeks a restraining order against defendants to prevent them  
23 from attempting to convert him to "the Church of the Creator." He alleges that both  
24 defendants, a prisoner and a federal judge, want him "to be part of the Jewish Holocaust."  
25 He further alleges that defendants "plan to break into my cell and move me to Chicago to  
26 confront EC Rukn gangs and Black Jordan and Michigan Ave. on Michigan tires." As  
27 plaintiff's allegations are clearly baseless, irrational or wholly incredible, they will be  
28 dismissed as frivolous under sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2).

19. Riches v. Allstate BCS Championship, et al., No. C 07-6322 MJJ (PR)

Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against “Allstate BCS Championship,” and the Bowl Championship Series. Plaintiff alleges that defendants “are in a major conspiracy with the federal government to entertain America away from the truth and abuses in American prisons.” He alleges that defendants are “greedy and fail to financially help me on my appeal,” and he seeks “all the revenue including parking and programs” from the defendants’ college football national championship game. Defendants are a private entity or organization. As such, they do not act under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat’l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief under § 1983. Moreover, plaintiff’s allegations are clearly baseless, irrational or wholly incredible, and therefore must be dismissed as frivolous under sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2).

20. Riches v. Huckabee, et al., No. C 07-6323 MJJ (PR)

Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Mike Huckabee, the former Governor of Arkansas and current presidential candidate, and his wife, Janet Huckabee. He seeks an order preventing defendants from “campaigning and lobbying” for his “illegal incarceration.” Defendants are private individuals. As such, they do not act under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez v. Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat’l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir. 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief under § 1983.

21. Riches v. Crocker, et al., No. C 07-6324 MJJ (PR)

Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Chris Crocker, Myspace.com, and Youtube.com. He alleges that defendant Crocker “keeps talking negative about me on his blogs,” and is instructing prison officials to subject plaintiff to adverse conditions at the

1 prison. Defendants are a private individual and two private internet companies. As such,  
 2 they do not act under color of state law, an essential element of a § 1983 action. See Gomez  
 3 v. Toledo, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980). Purely private conduct, no matter how wrongful, is not  
 4 covered under § 1983. See Ouzts v. Maryland Nat'l Ins. Co., 505 F.2d 547, 559 (9th Cir.  
 5 1974), cert. denied, 421 U.S. 949 (1975). Accordingly, plaintiff has failed to state a  
 6 cognizable claim for relief under § 1983.

7 22. Riches v. King, et al., No. C 07-6325 MJJ (PR)

8 Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Rodney Glen King, Stacey C.  
 9 Koon, Laurence M. Powell, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the "L.A. Riots."  
 10 Plaintiff alleges that defendants are "in a conspiracy with" officials at his federal prison in  
 11 South Carolina to "beat my constitutional rights out of me" by providing adverse conditions  
 12 at his prison. Plaintiff's claims regarding defendants' involvement in the alleged conditions  
 13 of his confinement are clearly baseless, irrational or wholly incredible, and as such they will  
 14 be dismissed as frivolous under sections 1915A and 1915(e)(2).

15 Within the past two months, plaintiff has sent to this court approximately 160 different  
 16 civil complaints setting forth similarly improbable, if not impossible, allegations and  
 17 frivolous claims against a litany of defendants.<sup>2</sup> Plaintiff has also filed frivolous cases in  
 18 other federal district courts, prompting one United States District Judge to make the  
 19 following finding about plaintiff's filings:

20 It is not clear whether these outlandish pleadings are products of actual  
 21 mental illness or simply a hobby akin to short story writing. Whatever their  
 22 origin, and though they are amusing to the average reader, they do nothing  
 more than clog the machinery of justice, interfering with the court's ability to  
 address the needs of the genuinely aggrieved. It is time for them to stop.

23 The Court notes that Riches did not pay the filing fee in either of the  
 24 cases cited here. Rather than impose sanctions, the Court will simply require  
 25 that he pay the fee with any future complaints. If this requirement fails to  
 dissuade Riches from further meritless filings, the Court will impose stiffer  
 requirements and/or sanctions until Riches finds another way to occupy his  
 time.

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 27 <sup>2</sup>Including the cases addressed herein, approximately 90 of plaintiff's cases have been  
 28 filed and dismissed as frivolous or on other similar grounds. Plaintiff's remaining cases are  
 currently in the process of being filed, and a review of the complaints in such cases indicates  
 that they set forth similarly frivolous allegations and claims.



1 Riches v. Simpson, et al., No. 6:07-cv-1504-Orl-31KRS, slip op. at 1-2 (M.D. Fla. Sept. 24,  
2 2007). Other district courts have required plaintiff, in light of his history of frivolous filings,  
3 to pay the full filing fee at the time he attempts to file any future civil complaint. See id. at  
4 slip op. 2 (requiring plaintiff Jonathan Lee Riches to pay full filing fee at time of filing any  
5 future complaint); Riches v. Schiavo, et al., No. 8:07-cv-1730-T-17TBM, slip op. at 2  
6 (M.D.Fla., Sept. 26, 2007) (same). In light of the large number frivolous complaints filed by  
7 plaintiff, the burden this has placed on this court, and plaintiff's continuation of such filings  
8 unabated, the Court finds a similar requirement should be imposed on plaintiff.


9 For the foregoing reasons, the Court hereby orders as follows:

- 10 1. This action is DISMISSED as frivolous.
- 11 2. Plaintiff Jonathan Lee Riches is restricted from filing any civil complaints in  
12 this Court without payment of the full statutory filing fee (presently \$350.00). The Clerk is  
13 directed to refuse any civil complaint that is not accompanied by such fee at the time of its  
14 attempted filing.

15 The Clerk shall close the files and file a copy of this order in each of the cases listed in  
16 the caption of this order.

17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 DATED: 1/1/2008

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20 MARTIN J. JENKINS  
21 United States District Judge  
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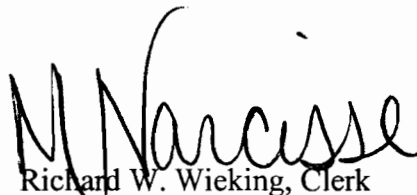
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on January 3, 2008, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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Dated: January 3, 2008



Richard W. Wieking, Clerk  
By: Monica Tutson, Deputy Clerk